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Chairman
Countermeasures Advisory Panel
S-6, NSA
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I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you on 15 February 1984 and brief you on some of the activities of the DCI Security Committee. Our Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee has, for many years, served as a source of policy formulation, a forum for Intelligence Community discussion of conceptual and practical considerations, and a central coordinating mechanism for technical surveillance countermeasures (TSCM).

The discussion demonstrated that involving the Countermeasures Advisory Panel in TSCM matters could result in duplication of effort and diffusion of the energies of the relatively few TSCM specialists in the government. SECOM, with its subcommittee infrastructure, has been a source of policy on physical security, and has fostered research and development in a broad range of security disciplines. Duplication of such efforts by other interagency groups poses the possibility of further redundancy.

If the CAP adopts terms of reference which eliminate redundant functions, I am confident that we can ensure appropriate exchanges of information and requirements between the CAP and SECOM. We would welcome continuing the dialogue on mutual support. Please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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